(a) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Whereas direct connections are al ways convenient for the travelling public, it is not always possible to provide as many direct connections as desired.

(c) and (d) Government have not felt the necessity of declaring any domes tic airport, including Hyderabad, as an international airport.

Medical College at Nanded

3493. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FA MILY WELFARE be pleased to state**:**

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have sought the permission of the Cen-tial Government in starting a new medical college at Nanded; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPA- Yes. Sir.

(b) The present policy of the Govern-ment of India in general is not to encourage the setting up of new Medical Colleges in the country as the present out turn of the medical graduates every year from the existing medical colleges is considered sufficient to meet the medical manpower requirements of the country.

Safety of AI crew members

3494. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN DRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

whether his attention has been drawn to the demand made by the Air India Cabin Crew Assiciation for urgent step- to ensure safety of its flight crew; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAG-DISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Air India Cabin Crew Association had written to the Director General of Civil Aviation that Air India Management has been utilising untrained employees. This communication was probably written in view of the fact that other personnel were utilised by Air India Management when the Cabin Crew resorted to industrial action. While utilisting other personnel, the Management ensured that they had gone through the laid down training, and safety was never compromised.

'Rural integrated digital network' ia (VI.I'

3495. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring some districts of Madhya Pradesh under the coverage of "Rural Integrated Digital Network"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of districts proposed under the R.I.D.N, and by when they are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhopa1/Sehore (Composite) Distts, have been identified under the Shell Plan for the proposed 'IDN' Scheme. The scheme is proposed to be implemented within 7th Five Year Plan subject to availability of resources and Equipment.

Late running of IA flights between Bombay and Lucknow

.3496. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPEN-DRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVI-ATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Airlines Boeing flight from Lucknow to

Bombay arrived at Bombay 14 hours behind the schedule time on November 9, 1987 because the commander walked out of the aircraft at Lucknow Airport;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There was no delay to flight IC-195 of 9-11-87. However, flight IC-195 of 7-11-87 operating on sector Bombay|Varanasi|Lucknow| Bombay, was initially delayed at Bombay by three hours and forty minutes due to technical snags. This flight got further delayed enroute and landed at Lucknow at 22.30 hrs., where the flight had to be night-stopped due to flight and Duty Time Limitations. After availing of the required rest by the crew, the flight departed next day *i.e.* on 8-11-1987 at 11.25 hrs.

(c) This was an isolated incident and as such no action is proposed to be taken.

Irregularities in the A.I.E.E. to Post Graduate Medical Courses

3497. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will ihe Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious irregularities have been found in the conduct of the recent All lndia Entrance Examination for admission to Post-graduate Medical Courses;

(b) whether candidates from outside Delhi are facing immense hardship due to the manner in which the examination is being conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove the irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Requests were received for grant of extension in the last date for receipt of application. The matter came up before the Supreme Court but the Court did not agree to change the date schedule.

Withholding of increments of the employees of Bureau for Promotion of Urdu

3498. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that the increments of the employees of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu are being withheld frequently without giving them any charge-sheets; and

(b) what is the number of employees whose increments have not been released and what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is only one case where the increment of an employee of the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu was withheld for want of recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee, since the increment related to the crossing of efficiency bar.

Ban on the use of equipment testing the Antibiotics

3499. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern-ment have banned the usage of same equipment for the formulation of two different anti-biotics;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the two anti-biotics *i.e.* Ampiciline and cephalexin, being formulated by M/s Jayant Vitamin Ltd. of Bombay are being formulated using the same equipment for these two Anti-biotics; and